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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The objections to Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12 and 13 have been corrected to cure the informalities noted in the outstanding Office Action. The errors are regretted.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.121(d) in that the limitation of "the tower being movable without movement of said hold-off clamp" as recited in Claims 1, 9 and 10 and must be shown or the feature(s) cancelled from the claim(s).

First, as stated on p. 7, all of the drawings refer to the same vessel; i.e., the vessel shown in Fig. 1a.

The limitation in question is clearly shown by comparing Figs. 1a and 1b in conjunction with the language on p. 8, lines 5-7. Further, Fig. 1b shows the ramp 2 in two positions; i.e., a vertical position and an inclined position. As is apparent from comparing Fig. 1a and 1b, the vertical position of the ramp in Fig. 1b is indicated in the lower portion of Fig. 1b, while the inclined position of the ramp 2 is shown as being at the uppermost portion of Fig. 1b, the dotted lines depicting the movement from the vertical position to the inclined position. To clarify the wording in lines 5-7 on p. 8, the specification has been amended, as noted above, to recite that Fig. 1b shows the ramp 2 in both positions, and points out that movement of the ramp 2 to the inclined position shown in Fig. 1a is indicated by the dotted lines. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. The movement of the clamp 14 is clearly indicated in Fig. 3 (note the two arrows), the clamp 14 also being shown in Figs. 1 and 1b, Fig. 1b in particular showing the ramp 2 being movable independently of the clamp 14. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that

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the limitation that "the tower being movable without movement of said hold-off clamp" as recited in Claims 1, 9 and 10 is clearly shown in the drawings and that the added descriptive language in the first paragraph of p. 8 does not constitute new matter but

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all requirements of the Office Action have been met.

merely describes in greater detail what is shown by comparing Figs. 1a and 1b.

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